

Green Lake Township Regular Board Meeting
February 8, 2016

CALLED TO ORDER: Called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Biondo.

ROLL CALL: McDonald, Schroeter, West, Bieganowski, Radtke, Kramer and Biondo present.
Township Attorney Ward Kuhn also present.

PLEDGE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved Schroeter, Support West to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved West, Support Schroeter to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried. Mr. Bieganowski asked if the accounts payable check register can be included in the board packets not presented at the board meeting.

REPORTS:

Leslie Sickterman: Planner

Leslie reported she has been busy working on the Focus Group for Traverse City Area Schools. Green Lake Township will be hosting a walking audit and luncheon on February 17, 2016.

Andy Marek: Grand Traverse County Road Commission:

Andy reported the Road Commission is working on millage renewal wording for the November election. The renewal will be for the road projects millage. The current millage will run out on December 31, 2016.

Pat Thompson: Interlochen Public Library:

Pat reported the new Interlochen Public Library Committee has raised one million seven hundred and forty thousand dollars to date, which leaves \$800,000.00 left to raise. The Friends of The Library held its annual concert at Interlochen Arts Academy and raised \$1,500.00. The group is working on an eight (8) year millage renewal for TADL. The current millage is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2016.

DISCUSSION: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement Renewal: The board the updated franchise agreement prepared by Consumers Energy. The one concern was the use of herbicides. The amended agreement does not address the use of herbicides. Moved Radtke, Support Kramer to adopt **ORDINANCE NUMBER 02082016.1** as presented. Roll call vote: Schroeter – Yes, Bieganowski – Yes, McDonald – Yes, West – Yes, Radtke – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Biondo – Yes. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Rural Fire: Mr. Radtke reported to the board what occurred at the Grand Traverse Rural Fire Board Meeting on January 20, 2016. Mr. Bieganowski reported Grand Traverse Rural Fire has been informed they are due for an ISO review in the spring of 2016. Chief Weber did bring this to the attention of the Rural Fire Board at the January meeting. Chief Weber did also discuss possibly hiring a consultant to analyze the Rural Fire Board and the operation. The township board discussed preparing an RFP (request for proposal) with regards to obtaining bids for a consultant to help review the fire/ems department. Other topics discussed were items that should be considered for the RFP (analysis of our entire situation, would it benefit us to go on our own or is it best we remain in Rural Fire, finances). Discussed the possibility of teaming up with our neighboring townships (costs savings and better service to our residents). Moved Kramer, Support Radtke to authorize Mr. Bieganowski to prepare a RFP for hiring a consulting firm to review our fire/ems department and bring RFP template back to the March 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting for board approval. Carried.

Property Purchase: The board reviewed the Phase I report from Otwell Mawby regarding the Wilson property. Attorney Kuhn recommends we proceed with Phase II which would dig a little deeper into the two main issues being reported, potential for impact from the historical onsite railroad track and historical presence of a heating oil AST, and recommends we test for asbestos. Moved Radtke, Support Kramer to authorize Attorney Ward Kuhn and Supervisor Paul Biondo to exercise our option to terminate the agreement unless the seller agrees to pick up all or part of the costs for Phase II and extend our termination deadline until Phase II is completed. Roll call vote: Bieganowski – Yes, Radtke – Yes, Schroeter – Yes, Kramer – Yes, West – Yes, McDonald – Abstain, Biondo – Yes. Carried.

Moved Bieganowski, Support Schroeter to authorize asbestos inspection and paint chip sampling in the amount of \$1,200.00 if we agree to move forward with the purchase. Carried. McDonald – Abstain.

NEW BUSINESS:**Eurasian Water Milfoil: Ed Dewey – President of Green Lake/Duck Lake Association:**

Mr. Dewey presented the board members with reports and information regarding the finding of Eurasian Water Milfoil in Duck Lake. He stated they have 350 property owners who make up the association. The Eurasian Water Milfoil was discovered in 2015 and it currently covers 34 acres. Of the 34 acres, four acres are extremely bad. (cove area) Mr. Dewey has received an estimate of \$30,000.00 for the first year treatment cost and it was recommended to him that each year a survey of the lakes would need to be performed at a cost of \$6,000.00. The association would like to discuss doing a special assessment for this district. It was recommended that the lake be treated in June. Mr. Dewey informed the board they are taking part in a survey for swimmers itch as that is a major problem as well.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Eurasian Water Milfoil Continued: Moved McDonald, Support Schroeter to authorize Supervisor Biondo to proceed with setting an organizational meeting for discussing a possible special assessment for Eurasian Water Milfoil. Carried.

Planning/ZBA/Board of Review Appointments: Moved Radtke, Support McDonald to confirm recommendation of Supervisor Biondo to appoint Hugo Karle and Russ Marshall to the Planning Commission for a three (3) year term ending 1/2019. Carried.

Moved Radtke, Support Schroeter to confirm recommendation of Supervisor Biondo to re-appoint Judy Myers to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three (3) year term ending 1/2019. Carried.

Moved Radtke, Support West to confirm recommendation of Supervisor Biondo to appoint Orlan Wayne Brown to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate with a term ending 1/2019. Carried.

Moved Kramer, Support Schroeter to appoint Pat Wright to the Board of Review per recommendation of Supervisor Biondo for a one year term ending 1/2017. Carried.

Boom Boom Club:

Moved Bieganowski, Support Radtke to authorize contribution of \$1,490.00 to the Boom Boom Club for the 2016 Independent Day fireworks display. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Petrove, 9988 Riley Road, Interlochen, Michigan 49643 feels the Township should consider a Township wide millage to deal with this type of invasive species situation.

Mark Alderman, 6215 S. Betsie River Road, Interlochen, Michigan 49643 is in favor of the board approving a special assessment district for the Eurasian Water Milfoil.

CLOSED SESSION:

Moved Kramer, Support West to go into closed session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss possible purchase of real estate property. Roll call vote: Schroeter – Yes, McDonald – Yes, Bieganowski – No, West – Yes, Kramer – Yes, Radtke – Yes, Biondo – Yes. Carried.

Moved Radtke, Support McDonald to come out of closed session at 8:14 p.m. Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved Bieganowski, Support McDonald to adjourn the February 8, 2016 Regular Board Meeting at 8:15 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith L. Kramer
Green Lake Township Clerk

